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VIENNA FOR IAEA

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PARM, IT

SUBJECT: ITALY'S SEAT ON THE GB OF THE IAEA

1. NOTING THAT ITALY IS DEPOSITING ITS RATIFICATION OF THE NPT TODAY POLITICAL DIRECTOR DUCCI RECALLED THAT ITALY IN ACCEPTING THE ROLE OF A NON-NUCLEAR POWER HAD BEEN MORE OR LESS COMPENSATED BY A QUASI PERMANENT SEAT IN THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE IAEA. NOW THE ITALIANS HAVE LEARNED THAT THE SPANISH AND SWEDES ARE PROMOTING THE IDEA OF A ROTATION OF THE ITALIAN SEAT. APPARENTLY THE ITALIANS WERE APPROACHED IN VIENNA. THEY INTEND TO GIVE A NEGATIVE RESPONSE TO THE SUGGESTION.

2. THE ITALIANS SEE NO REASON WHY SPAIN WHICH DUCCI SAID

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HAS NOT EVEN SIGNED THE NPT SHOULD BE REWARDED WITH ENHANCED

PRESTIGE IN THE IAEA. AS REGARDS THE SWEDES, DUCCI NOTES THEY HAVE HAD THE DIRECTOR GENERAL'S POSITION IN IAEA FOR MORE THAN A DECADE. FURTHERMORE WHILE SWEDEN AND SPAIN MAY CURRENTLY HAVE LARGER NUCLEAR CAPACITY THAN ITALY, THIS IS ONLY A TEMPORARY CONDITION AS THE ITALIANS HAVE A LARGE NUCLEAR POWER CAPACITY PROGRAMMED.

3. DUCCI SAID THAT THE ITALIANS WOULD BE RAISING THIS MATTER IN MOSCOW (THE OTHER COUNTRY WHICH URGED THEM TO RATIFY THE NPT), PARIS, LONDON, TOKYO AND NEW DELHI.

4. COMMENT: THOSE WHO RECALL THE ITALIAN CAMPAIGN FOR A SEAT ON THE GB WILL REMEMBER THAT THIS A DEADLY SERIOUS PROJECT IN ITALIAN EYES. AS DUCCI SAID, THIS IS A POLITICAL NOT A TECHNICAL QUESTION AND THE EMBASSY BELIEVES WE SHOULD SUPPORT THE GOI IN ITS EFFORTS TO RETAIN ITS SEAT FOR A VARIETY OF POLITICAL AND POLITICAL/MILITARY REASONS. BEAUDRY

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